

Thus to an unreflecting American appears the most enorm of all the abuses of power; because he has been used to fruit hanging in such quantities, that if not taken by men it would rot. (From observations on the article "United States prepared for the Encyclopedia, 1786. F. IV., 170.)

CRIMINALS.—And the wretched criminal, if he happen to be offended on the American side, stripped of his privilege of being by peers of his vicinage, removed from the place where alone evidence could be obtained, without money, without comfort without friends, without exculpatory proof, is tried by judges predetermined to condemn. The cowards who allow to suffer a countryman to be torn from the bowels of their society in order to be thus offered a sacrifice to parliamentary tyranny would merit the everlasting infamy now fixed on the authors of the act. (An Act for the Suppression of Riots in the Town of Boston, 14th George III.)— (From a "Summary View," F. I, 4390)

CRIMINALS.—A member of society, committing an injury, does not wholly forfeit the protection of his fellow citizens, but after suffering a punishment in proportion to offence, is entitled to their protection from all greater pain that it becomes a duty to the Legislature to arrange in a proper scale the crimes which it may be necessary for them to repress and to adjust thereto a corresponding gradation of punishment (From a bill relating to crimes and punishments, 1779. F. 204.)

CRIMINALS.—The reformation of offenders, though an object worthy of the attention of the laws, is not effected at all capital punishments which exterminate instead of reform and should be the last melancholy resource against those whose existence is become inconsistent with the safety of their fellow citizens; which also weaken the State by cutting off some who, if reformed, might be restored sound members of society who even under a course of correction, might be rendered useful in various labors for the public, and would be living and continued spectacles to deter others from committing—